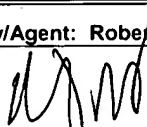
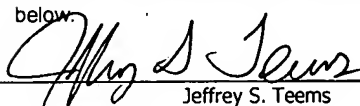


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| 20B. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>This application is a <input type="checkbox"/> continuation-in-part / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> continuation / <input type="checkbox"/> divisional of prior Application No. <u>09/911,226</u>.</p> <p>The prior application was assigned to Examiner <u>Joyce Tung</u>, Group Art Unit <u>1637</u>.</p> <p>The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This application is a continuation or divisional application (<u>not</u> a continuation-in-part) that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) names as inventors the same or fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application; and(ii) contains no matter that would have been new matter in the prior application; and(iii) a copy of the executed oath or declaration in the prior application, showing the signature or an indication thereon that it was signed: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> will follow.</div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This application is a continuation or divisional application (<u>not</u> a continuation-in-part) that is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This application is a continuation-in-part, continuation or divisional application naming an inventor not named in the prior application. A newly executed oath or declaration: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> will follow.</div></p> |
| 21. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>A sequence listing in computer readable form in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 was submitted on <u>September 17, 1999</u> in prior Application No. <u>09/397,915</u>, filed <u>September 17, 1999</u>.</p> <p>Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), applicant hereby requests that the computer readable form of the sequence listing submitted in the above-referenced prior application be used as the computer readable form of the sequence listing for the new application. The paper or compact disk copy of the Sequence Listing in the new application is identical to the computer readable copy filed in the prior application.</p> |
| 22. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>This application claims foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) listed below, or under 35 USC 365(a) or 365(b) of any PCT application listed below.</p> <p>Application No. _____ Country: _____ Day/Month/Year Filed: _____</p> |
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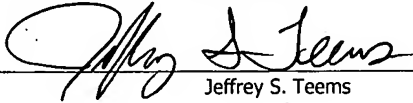


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